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5,189,784	Apparatus for Forming Seams in Box-Shaped Members	03-02-1993
5,243,750	Method for Forming Seams in Box-Shaped Members	09-14-1993
5,450,879	Cornerless Slip-On Flange System for Duct Connections	09-14-1995

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6,056,021	Duct Joint Structure, Assembly Tool, Duct Assembly Method and Hanger	05-02-2000
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6,378,184	Apparatus and Method for Manufacturing Ducts	04-30-2002

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